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Sir:

Please let me know the status of the case. I submitted a preliminary amendment on January 22, 2001 adding claims 37-64. I received a restriction dated September 6, 2001 that did not mention the added claims. I called the Examiner upon receipt and asked that the restriction be withdrawn and a new one issued that included the added claims. I faxed a second request on February 7, 2002. I am also attaching a petition to make special under 37 CFR 1.102 (c) because of the applicant's age over 65. If there are any questions please call applicant's attorney at 802 864-1575.

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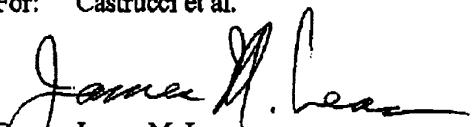
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